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The Silver Lining.

A fisherman sat at his door one day
Watching the clouds, that heavy and gray,
Obscured the sunlight's shining;
And he said to Bright Eyes at his knee,
"Look yonder out in the West and see
The cloud with silver lining."

I think when our skies are cold and gray,
And we vainly seek to find the way,
Somewhere the light is shining;
If we bravely resolve to do our part.
And bear our griefs with a patient heart,
And free from all repining.

We shall be led to a higher way,
To a better work than we do today,
And find love's sunlight shining;
For truth of spirit and strength of soul
Will make the darkest cloud unroll
And show its silver lining.

—*Helen Keith.*

Field Echoes.

Eight were baptized at Sherwood. There are more who ought to be with the church at this place, and I believe will be soon. My brief sojourn at this place was a pleasant event. Thanks to the people for the interest manifested and assistance rendered; especially Dr. Potter's, Shook's, Palmer's and Bro. Huff's. Saturday Aug. 7th. Bro. Stutsman conveyed me to the home of our good brother Samuel Keyser, in Bryan, Ohio, Williams Co. He and his brother. Dr. George Keyser are dentists. They have been in that business for a number of years. They are fully up to the times in all the improved methods of doing their work including the giving of vitalized air to their patrons. Bro. George extracted 12 teeth in 33 seconds while I was in the office. Elias Keyser is a leading physician in the city. He is a brother to the above dentists, and also a brother in the upbuilding of the cause of Christ as I learned from a conversation we held. He used to be in the G. B. church, but owing to indiscretion in the administration of church government (so fatal to many congregations of these people) he and sister Lydia, his wife, are at present homeless. Bro. Samuel is exceedingly anxious to have preaching by the brethren in and around Bryan. I hope the time will soon come when his prayers will be answered as the G. B. church here have done nothing for several years.

Bro. Brown met me here and took me to a place arranged for meetings in a grove near the home of Bro. Rittenhouse about 12 miles north of Bryan. Held meetings over Sabbath with good congregations. Met Bro. J. H. Palmer, of Ohio. Left Sabbath evening, after service for home of Bro. Brown, 14 miles west of this place of meeting. Brethren Palmer and Rittenhouse intended to conduct meetings for a few evenings. Hope. some good may be accomplished Had a pleasant visit with the interesting family of Bro. Brown. He has a family of 9 children and all who are old enough, which I believe are four, are teachers. Miss Lydia, his only daughter, holds a four years' license.

He is one of the Trustees of Ashland College. He is a noble, self-sacrificing brother. Wish he and sister Brown lived near church privileges of the brethren. None of their children yet belong to the Lord by virtue of obedience. I pray the time to soon come when they will enlist under the banner of a Savior's love.

I had an interesting talk with Miss Lydia upon the subject of giving herself fully to the Lord. Hope she will do so early, and teach her brothers the saving power of God's grace. For how soon the family ties will be broken or weakened by circumstances; hearts now tender and easily influenced for good, grow hard and stubborn in sin and then the anguish of neglected opportunities beggars discription. It is no wonder the Psalmist says, "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness!" It is praise to the Lord that brings into the soul of man the echoing melody of Angelic life.

I next came to Bro. Swihart's congregation in Clinton Co., Ind., where I am at present. I here received the EVANGELIST containing an open epistle of consolation from brother Summers. Thanks from my heart, brother Wm., for the the solace it brought. I have received many private letters of sympathy. Many of them full of heaven's sweetest eloquence, especially brother and sister Steward's; brother and sister Foust's of Winchester, O.; brother and sister Domer's, of North Manchester, Ind. What comfort we have who believe on the Lord to the saving of souls and are bound together with the fraternal bonds of fellowship.

"Say whence does this union arise
Where hatred is conquered by love?
It fastens our souls with such ties
That distance nor time can remove."

It is but the outflow of love from the great compassionate heart of Emanuel. If there is so much power that brings to us while veiled in the flesh. Joys unspeakable, what must it be to go beyond the rushing tide of human affairs then

"Together let us sweetly live,
Together let us die;
And each a crown of life receive
And dwell with Christ on high."

R. F. MALLOTT.

Miami Valley.

At a late council meeting held at Winchester, it was decided to have a communion in the near future. Also to invite Bro. Mallott to hold a protracted meeting this winter at Winchester.

We have concluded to have our communion service at the Farmersville church, Saturday evening, September 11th. We will have a service in the afternoon to commence at 3 o'clock. We hope our brethren and sisters, far and near, that can possibly be with us will make a memorandum of this, and consider themselves heartily invited.

Our sisters Ruth and Orpha Henkle leave for Ashland next Saturday. The latter to attend College, while sister Ruth will accompany her, and remain until she is comfortable settled.

The "Miami Valley" will be well represented at Ashland College during the coming school year.

During our late trip through Preble, Darke and Miami Counties, we baptized a sister at North Star, and we also received another application for membership at Pleasant Hill.

We filled all our appointments and were gone eight days, and preaching 9 sermons at five different places.

During this trip we were invited to preach at Georgetown, the name of the post office is Potsdam. It is a very strong, German Baptist community, being only four or five miles from the place where the late annual meeting was held. The appointment was well circulated, and we therefore had a full house. We preached in the United Brethren house, which I though would probably seat about 400 people comfortably. This was the first sermon in that locality by a Brethren minister. They all seemed anxious to know who we were and what we believed and practiced, and I was equally anxious to tell them, and so felt perfectly at liberty to talk to the point. We are unable at present to tell what they thought of us, but told them if I was invited, I would willingly return. So will patiently wait for their decision, whether I am wanted again or not. Then I will be able to tell them some important facts that I could not tell them then for want of time. It would not surprise us much, that a Brethren church was organized here in the course of time.

I go east of Miamisburg to preach Thursday and Friday evenings.

EDWARD MASON.

A Wonderful Argument.

Brethren Mallott, Ridenour and Swihart, under the head "do we need a convention?" says in substance, we could only pass resolutions and the resolutions might get lost, hence we should have no convention. Now I am surprised that such an objection should be introduced by three intelligent men. We might lose the resolutions, hence we should have no convention. The mountain labored and brought forth a mouse. Three men got their heads together and produced an argument against a convention, we might lose the resolutions. Verily brethren you must have been wonderfully hard up for a good reason.

Your reasons reminds me of the old colored man who said the children of Israel were all boys, for the book says "Hebrew" children, and if there had been any gals, the book would have said "Shebrew" children. Now brethren, if any of you don't want a convention say so, but don't bring out objections that are flimsy and worthless and like an old time musket, kicks the man who shoots it. I will review Bashor and answer brother Cain next week.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

Peabody, Kans.

I will drop a few lines to the paper as it might be of some advantage to my eastern brethren and friends. I have spent nearly two weeks on the wide prairies of western Kansas in the counties of Tirney and Wichita, and found as fine a country as I ever saw, adapted to all kinds of grain. The weather has been very seasonable this year, and in consequence the crops, consisting of sod-corn, Millett and sorgum, are doing well, attaining as large a growth as farther east. The country is fast settling up, still there is ample room, for more to get cheap homes. Especially some of the ministering brethren, as the gospel is just as essential there as in other localities.

During my stay out there I purchased some land, to locate some of my family.

On my return home, I stopped off at Nickerson, Kan., with Bro. Beer's. He and I went 25 miles south in Reno co., to attend an appointment, and he preached three sermons to good congregations. We found earnest workers. On the Sabbath there was too baptized and deep impressions were made on others, to turn from their evil ways. May God bless them in their good work.

E. STONER.

Denver on Sunday.

A stranger walking through the streets of Denver, on a Sabbath morning, and seeing so many people out driving through the streets of the city, and the long trains filled with excursionists leaving the depot, he would come to the conclusion that the people here did not have much respect for the Sabbath. The large majority of the people of this city are not church goers. There are in the city of Denver four hundred saloons, which are open on Sunday and every inducement is held out to draw men to frequent those places. There are also many earnest and true Christian men and women here who toil for the Master. One of these has recently gone to his reward, Mr. Crane. On the death of his wife, he came here with poor health and large wealth which he devoted to the instructing of the very poorest of the poor. Thirteen years ago last April, he organized the Railroad Mission Sabbath School. For thirteen years, although he had reached the age of eighty years, he never failed to be present at the mission. That school has grown to be one of the largest in the city. Many of the children rescued from lives of ignorance and vice have gone out as Christian workers. Others have gone to the house of many mansions.

The sixth Annual Convention of the Colorado Sunday School Association was recently held at Colorado springs. Three hundred delegates were present. Seventy-five new schools have been organized during the year. The number of children in school are estimated at twenty-five thousand. One great county is without any school, another equal to the state of Massachusetts, has but one and that one only open during the summer.

BARBARA SNOEBERGER.

Denver, Colo.

Dayton S. S. Celebration.

Our Sabbath school celebration took place yesterday in a beautiful grove a few miles north of this city. All seemed to enjoy the occasion and are now patiently waiting for its return, the Lord willing, a year hence.

Many thanks to our friends for their sympathy and encouragement, both by letter and through the EVANGELIST.

I was forcibly impressed with the remark of sister Yost in EVANGELIST No. 33, relative to the ordeal through which she passed. "The pain and heartaches experienced, by such a procedure can be imagined better than described." True indeed! When Jesus was arrested, tried, condemned and crucified, those who were engaged in the work undoubtedly did it with a vim that manifested their true inwardness. The rabble, the fiendish persecutors, and false brethren may have filled the air with cries of right! right! but there were those present whose hearts were filled with the Holy Spirit, whose feelings could not be described. It was so then, it will continue to be so until the end of time. The end is not yet. May the Lord enable us to be faithful until death, for our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

SAMUEL KIEHL.

Dayton, O., Aug. 26th, 1885.

Hagerstown, Maryland.

We have organized an S. S. at St. James, T. J. Fahrney, Supt. Yesterday we gained sixteen new scholars, a fine prospect here.

In the morning we received a new member by relation, a young man we have been praying for, and who will be a good worker.

Our new church at St. James is only a few hundred yards from the station of St. James, on the S. V. R. R. and very convenient for our W. Va. and Pa. members.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

By-Laws of the Ladies' Benevolent Society of the Brethren Church of Homerville.

Article I. Membership—Any lady may become a member of this society by paying an initiation fee of ten cents, and observing its rules and regulations.

Art. II. Officers—The officers of the society shall consist of a President. Vice President, and Treasurer.

Art. III. Sec. 1. Duties of officers—The President shall have general control of the Society, and all matters pertaining thereto, acting in accordance with these By-laws.

Sec. 2nd. The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President and assist at all times.

Sec. 3. The Secretary shall record all the proceedings of the Society.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall take charge of all funds pertaining to the society.

Art. IV. Meetings—This society shall assemble in the forenoon of every third Thursday of the month, unless ordered otherwise by the President, for the promotion of its objects or the transaction of business.

Art. V. Opening Exercises—The Society shall be opened with the reading of a chapter from the Bible, and prayer by any one whom the President may appoint.

Art. VI. Work—The society will work one day for any one desiring them to for $1.00 In such a case, anyone attending the society, wishing to work for themselves can do so by paying ten cents.

Art. VII. Bill of fare—The dinner at these socities shall not consist of more than one kind of meat, one of pickles, one of sauce, one of cake, two of pie, potatoes, tea and coffee. Each person eating dinner shall pay the society not less than 5cts.

Art. VIII. Fines—Any one violating article VII. shall be fined 50cts.

MRS. LOTTIE ATKINS, Sec.